Mr. Dorasamiengar.—Owing to the carriage of heavy logs of wood by the Forest Department, the condition of the roads is being considerably damaged. It is requested that sufficient funds may be allotted for the up-keep of the roads half the cost being recovered from the Forest Department.

Dewan.—The subject is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 52.

Allotment of sufficient funds for the up-keep of roads used by the Forest Department for the carriage of timber.

Mr. Dorasamiengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Mr. Shanmukhappa.—In malnad much difficulty is felt for getting fuel. In date groves even grazing is not allowed. The district forests are not useful as they do not contain sufficient tree growth. People are forced to use other substitutes as manure. They may therefore be allowed to use State Forests to get small timber and fuel free, especially for boiling jaggery, etc.

First Member of Council.—The rights of the people in the district forests will be defined and steps taken to solve all these difficulties when orders are passed on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to examine the question.

Dewan.—The question of constituting village forests by liberating some areas out of the state forests will also be considered by Government wherever such action is found necessary.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Grant of permission to raiyats to procur firewood, free of charge, from State Forests.

Mr. Shanmukhappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—A fee of one rupee is being levied for each dead *bagani* tree removed from Government and occupied *kans* and as this course is causing great inconvenience to the raiyats who want the trees for manufacturing agricultural implements, it is requested that the levy of *malki* may be stopped.

First Member of Council.—According to the Malnad Raiyats' Privileges Rules, the free removal of dead *bagani* trees is allowed and there is no reason why any fee should be levied.

Mr. Shivaji Wodiyar.—The Revenue Department is levying *malki* at the rate of one rupee per tree and the amount is credited to the Forest Department.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Free grant of dead *bagani* trees for agricultural purposes.

Messrs. Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao and B. Shivaji Wodiyar, Sorab Taluk.

Mr. Khadrappa and others.—The practice in the Kolar District was to lease out the *amarai* produce to villagers at the average price realised during the previous five years. This was advantageous to the raiyats, but the practice now is to put the produce to out-right auction sale so that outsiders come and bid and carry away the produce, thus causing much damage to the trees and inconveniencing the villagers.

Dewan.—My impression after inspection of the registers during my recent tours is that the figures vary from year to year and that it is very difficult to strike the average over a period of years as suggested by the members. The subject will, however, be considered and any possible relief afforded so that the villagers might be interested in the welfare of the trees bearing such *amarai* produce.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Disposal of village *amarai*.

Messrs. Khadrappa and K. Ramanna, Sidlaghatta Taluk, and D. Venkatarayappa, Kolar District Board.